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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE: PROCEDURAL ISSUES

1. WFC SY GEN MAREI ANNOUNCED FEB. 14 THAT AFTER CONSULTATION WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT PROPOSED TO HOLD WFC NOV. 5-16.

2. SY GEN HAD REPORTED FEB 12 THAT FACILITIES WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE IN GENEVA FOR HOLDING 2ND PRECOM THERE MAY-JULY, NOR WOULD DOCUMENTATION ASSESSING WORLD FOOD SITUATION (ITEMS 1 AND 2 OF PROVISIONAL AGENDA) BE READY BY THAT TIME. HE SAID ALTERNATIVES MIGHT BE TO HOLD 2 ND PERPCOM (1) IN NEW YORK TO DEAL WITH RULES OF PROCEDURE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS OR (2) DELAY 2ND PREPCOM UNTIL AUGUST IN ORDER TO HOLD IT IN GENEVA AND EAL WITH ASSESSMENT.

2. PROPOSED DELAY 2ND PERCOM RAISED SEVERAL DIFFICULT ISSUES. MOST IMPORTANT WAS TECHNICAL REQUIREMENT THAT PREPCOM REPORT TO ECOSOC. DELAY OF SECOND PREPCOM UNTIL AUSUTST WOULD PREVENT REPORT TO 57TH SESSION ECOSOC NOW SECHEDULED JULY 2-AUGUST 2.

RESUMED SESSION 57TH ECOSOC IN FALL COULD PROBABLY NOT BE SCHEDULED IN TIME TO RECEIVE PRECOM REPORT AND PROVIDE FOR ECOSOC

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APPROVAL PRIOR WFC. NEW YORK SESSION PRECLUDED BY ECOSOC DECISION.

3. INFORMAL CONSULTATION INITIATED BY US WITH KEY DELS AND SECRETARIAT RESULTED IN FOLLOWING SOLUTION PROPOSED BY MAREI FEB 14. SCEOND PREPCOM COULD BE SCHEDULED IN GENEVA JUNE 5-8 TO CONSIDER (1) DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA; (2) PRELIMINARY VERSION OF ASSESSMENT, AND (3) DRAFT PROVISIONAL RULES OF PROVISIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR WFC AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS. THIS WILL PERMIT FULL REPORT TO 57TH EXOSOC ON DETAILS OF WFC. ECOSOC WOULD NOT REQUIRE FURTHER REPORT FROM THIRD PREPCOM, WHICH WOULD IMPLEMENT ECOSOC DECISIONS.

4 THIRD PRECOM PROPOSED FOR TWO WEEKS IN OCTOBER IN ROME. SECOND PREPCOM WOULD FIX PRECISE DATES. AFTER CONCERN EXPRESSED BY U.S. AND OTHER MEMBERS, SECRETARIAT AGREED TO LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY (1) EXTENDING 2ND PERPCOM FOR SECOND WEEK AND (2) SCHEDULING 3RD PREPCOM FOR SEPTEMBER AND FOR THREE RATHER THAN TWO WEEKS.

5. U.S. DEL INFORMED THAT STATUS OF DRAFT AGENDA AND PERMANENT STATUS PERCOM CHAIRMAN (RYDBECK) WILL BE PROVIDED FOR IN DRAFT REPORT BY USING FOLLOWING LANGUAGE WHICH HAS BEE AGREED TO BY KEY DELEGATIONS:

QUOTE 1. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CONTINE PREPARATION OF THE DOCUMENTATION FOR THE SESSIONS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND FOR THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE ON THE BASIS OF THE DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ITS ANNOTATIONS CONTAINED IN THE DOCUMENT (E/CONF.65/PREP.2) AND THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY VARIOUS DELEGATIONS DURING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

2. DECIDES TO CONTINUE THE CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND ITS ANNOTATIONS AT SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE TO CONTINUE HIS CONSULTATIONS WITH MEMBERSTATES INDIVIDUALLY AS WELL AS THROUGH THE BUREAU OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD CONTINEU AS AN INTER-SESSION CONSULTATIVE BODY IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERNECE. END QUOTE

6. IF ABOVE APPROVED ON FERUARY 15, THIS WILL EFFECTIVELY POSTPONE FINAL DECISION ON AGENDA UNTIL SECOND OR POSSIBLY THIRD PREPCOM AND ENHANCE PROBABILITY RYDBECK SERVING AS PERMANENT PREPCOM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHAIRMAN. DECISION TO POSTPONE AGENDA APPROVAL BASED ON USSR PROPOSAL, BUT ALSO USEFUL IN GIVING DELEGATIONS TIME TO REFLECT ON US AND OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGING AGENDA. U.S. PROPOSED THAT PREPCOM BUREAU SERVE AS INTER-SESSIONAL CONSULTATIVE BODY.

7. COMMENT: US EFFORTS SETTLE PROCEDURAL ISSUES HAVE CONSISTENTLY MET WITH FULL COOPERATION FROM GROUP OF 77 AND NON-ALIGNED. END COMMENT.

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